

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to interview on February 1, 2006.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-8,11-14 and 16-20.

3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
- 5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 2/1/06.
- 7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Walter on February 1, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

I        in the claims

a)      Claim 1

An apparatus for holding a bottle while feeding an infant, comprising:  
a weighted support member that rests on an infant's torso while feeding an infant, and is conformable to the infant's torso; and,  
a bottle holder, operatively connected to and extending upwardly from the support member, ~~and~~ the bottle holder is moveable with respect to the support member to move a bottle toward or away from an infant's mouth;

said bottle including two prongs extending upwardly from the support member, spaced apart from another and moveable with respect to one another to support or remove a bottle from the bottle holder.

b)      Claim 2 has been cancelled.

c) Claim 8

An apparatus for holding a bottle while feeding an infant, comprising:  
a weighted support member that rests on an infant's torso while feeding an infant, and is conformable to the infant's torso;  
a bottle holder, operatively connected to and extending upwardly from the support member, ~~and the bottle holder is moveable with respect to the support member to move a bottle toward or away from an infant's mouth; and,~~  
the bottle holder and support member are integrally connected as a single unit; said the bottle holder and support member comprise a single casing encapsulating one or more internal components operably connected to one another; wherein the internal components include a weighted compressible filler in a bottom of the casing, and an internal frame member disposed on top of the filler and having two upwardly extending prongs for holding a bottle, and the internal frame member is moveable with respect to the filler.

d) Claim 9 has been cancelled.

e) Claim 10 has been cancelled.

f) Claim 11

The apparatus of claim 8 ~~10~~ wherein the internal components further comprise a lightweight compressible filer within the casing covering the internal frame member.

g) Claim 12

The apparatus of claim 8 ~~10~~ wherein the internal frame member comprises a transverse base member resting on the weighted, compressible filler, and the transverse base member is attached to a bottom end of each of the prongs, and the casing has a seam formed therein and disposed between the transverse base member and weighted filler, whereby the internal frame member pivots with respect to the seam.

h) Claim 13

An apparatus for feeding an infant, comprising:  
a bottle for dispensing an edible fluid to an infant;  
a weighted support member that rests on an infant's torso while feeding an infant, and is conformable to the infant's torso; and,  
a bottle holder, operatively connected to and extending upwardly from the support member, within ~~which~~ a said bottle is secured, and an elevation of the bottle is adjustable within the bottle holder and with respect to the infant to position the bottle for feeding; wherein the bottle holder includes two prongs  
extending upwardly from the support member, spaced apart from another and moveable  
with respect to one another to support or remove a bottle from the bottle holder.

i) Claim 15 has been cancelled.

II      in the specification

a)      on page 2, line 4 (from the bottom) "Fig. 5" (second occurrence) has been changed to - - FIG. 6 - -, and

on page 4, lines 12 and 22, "Fig. 2" has been changed to - - FIG 5 - -.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RAMON O. RAMIREZ whose telephone number is (571) 272-6821. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-FRIDAY, IST FRIDAY OFF.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ROBERT OLSZEWSKI can be reached on (571) 272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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